

season, have ceased to afford the interest a

excitement that they once did. So many social women now send their orders direct to Paris that they have no interest in the display of spring fashions at home. Others, again, like to take "a run over," as it is called, at the season, enjoy a few weeks in the paradise

Departures this spring are to be earlier than the usual, and there is scarcely a berth to be had.

In the favorite transatlantic steamers for April and May. This is partly to secure at least a portion of the usual London gayeties, but it may be interrupted at any moment by bad news from Berlin, and partly to give time during the early summer for a kùr at Carlsbad or Vienna, which is become almost indispensable to those whose stomachs and livers are rebelling against a monotonous diet of terrapin, Burgundy, and pâté de fois. Among those who will sail September, Reader, for a not very prolonged ab-

Meanwhile, the seekers after health and warmth in Florida and other places along the coast are enjoying the climate and the economic luxuries that the tropical sun and sea afford.

gentle breezes are rippling for them; but in a social point of view they might as well be stayed at home. St. Augustine is crowded with strangers, but they are almost all from Western cities, the number of New Yorkers being comparatively small, and so great an appointment has this been to several metropolitans believes that they would be only too glad to return at a moment's notice. But mothers and chaperones who had an object in view of seeking a milder climate are not disposed to humor their young chaperes in every caprice.

At Forties Monroe the Hygeia Hotel is crowded to overflowing with army and navy men, married and unmarried, and there is no lack of bunking for any military man. Most of the interesting men are military. The

Barum's heterogeneous collection of costumed quadrupeds and athletic bipeds has made its annual success at the Madison Square Garden during the last two weeks. The seals displayed their capacity for acquiring new knowledge by ringing bells, playing organs and sleeping about in every conceivable position; moreover, the learned pines have asserted their claim to the title of "dancing elephants" by honoring with undergraduate of any college the lead, while penderous elephants nimbly dance and flirt, and by their grace and agility out-belle and duds to the blue. Theatre clubs have visited the circus in numbers of late. On Tuesday evening the club organized by Miss Charlotte Pell and Mr. T.

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Cards have also been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hartshorne for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Florence Hartshorne, to Mr. Henry Brewster Kase, a son of the late Mrs. Kase, who married Miss Edith Brewster. The ceremony will take place at St. Thomas Church on Tuesday, April 10, at half-past six.

Several other weddings among them that Mr. Morgan and Miss Flora will follow in quick succession. But the wedding has been so largely advertised that further mention is unnecessary.

The marriage of Mrs. Frederick Marquand, formerly Miss Alice Ogston, to Dr. Harman, the rumor of which reached here from Florida a few days since, has come in the nature of a surprise to all Mrs. Marquand's friends here and in Newport. Mr. Marquand, who is a large landowner in Lawrence, L. I., is there about two years since, and his marriage is still tenderly cherished by many relatives.

Subscriptions to the Bookaway Steeplechase Association have been solicited by printed notices sent to former members of the club and others, which announce a spring and autumn meeting at Cedarhurst and also a pony meeting for flat and hurdle races on July 4. The dues, which were formerly \$10 for each member, have been raised to \$15, which is reasonable enough in view of the privileges of a club house and grand stand on race days and the lunch provided for members by the Steeplechase Association. An erroneous impression seems to have gained currency among non-sporting men that the Bookaway Steeplechase Association and the Bookaway Hunt Club are one and the same thing, whereas they are quite distinct organizations.

By the way, the friends of all the parties the recent unseemly squabble in the Hunt Of are congratulating themselves over the prospect of its speedy and honorable settlement. The offensive words in the letters written

both sides have been withdrawn, and the matter in dispute has been submitted, as it should have been at first, to arbitration. The whole affair is only another of the frequent instances where sagaciousness in reducing bargains to writing has led to a misunderstanding, and a great readiness to take up arms, and to quarrel for which there were no real causes.

Of Americans abroad very little has been heard this winter. The scarcity of Nice & Cannes, which has fallen far short of what was in former years, has largely emanated from English residents, and the only Americans who have been conspicuous part have been Mrs. Morton and the late Mrs. Hoffman.

At Pau the American colony has been smaller than usual, and has consisted mainly of hunting people. Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Bands & Sir Frederick Cameron and his daughters have been spending the winter there. The new book of the *Pau* studies which have been presented to the *Pau* ladies in memory of Mr. Alfred Toynbee, who died in the last of the races in Paris last year, are looked upon as rather new departure in obituary testimonials.

The retirement of Mr. Edward Routh, cousin of the late Henry de B. Routh of this city, from the honorable position that he has held for so many years as mathematician "consul" of the University of Cambridge, is mentioned with regret in the *London Literary Digest* of England. Mr. Routh's professional career has been singularly successful, and, more than thirty senior wranglers having been his pupils, among whom was Mr. George L. Rivington, now Assistant Secretary of State. Almost all the Cambridge graduates through his hands, as relatives and friends, have visited them, and still retain pleasant memories of his courtesy and hospitality.

